

Communities of Opportunity Initiative

Community Progress Report

April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010

Due: Thursday, July 15, 2010

Name of Community: Miller County

Local Champion: Miller County Collaborative

Date: 07/09/2010

Co-Op Strategies	List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)	Action Items Completed for Each Strategy	Cost Estimate	Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter
Build a playground at the new K-12 school.	<p>During 1st quarter, nothing was done due to weather and equipment. It was difficult to be working while students were outside.</p> <p>The committee decided to begin work when school was out for the Summer which was early June. The barriers include rain preventing work to be done by volunteers. Equipment has been difficult to get because farmers are behind on the crops to lend their time and tractors. Scott Gordon relocated therefore leaving Co-Op Team and he has not been replaced at this time.</p>	<p>Established a Co-Op Team: Martiele Pickle, Leigh Thompson, Scott Gordon, and Angela and Larry King.</p> <p>Determine committees necessary to complete project as a community wide effort. They include: Budget and Finance, Design and Construction, Safety and Security, Volunteers, Site Prep, Material and Supplies, Landscaping, and Public Relations.</p> <p>Two Leadership Colquitt Alumni (1 male & 1 female) were chosen from each year to determine a committee. They can then get their leadership class to assist with that committee project.</p> <p>As the weather permitted work, the ground was broken by Disc, level, and allow for rain.</p> <p>The fence from the former school was removed and relocated to the new school as the perimeter fence for the playground project.</p> <p>As the physical work has been done by employees of the school, parents, school board members, farmers , which are majority high school alumni, the committees have been researching prices, materials, and rules and regulations for inspection.</p>	\$0.00 – Nothing at this time has been used toward work that has been completed thus far.	<p>Setting up playground equipment from former school location, such as swings, see-saw, and slides.</p> <p>Clean the equipment and possibly paint.</p> <p>Price water fountains and installation and signage.</p> <p>Try to get in-kind donations for concrete to go under water fountains and pavilions.</p>

		Take down pavilion at former school and assemble at new playground. The committees have been taking pictures of ideas and examples of playground equipment or theme that best suits Miller County students.		
Write articles in the local paper, church bulletins, public health publications, and PTA/PTSO newsletter promoting the playground and it's benefits.	The articles that have been printed in the newspaper at this time are the Co-Op signing date. Information about Co-Op and the playground project has been advertised at the monthly Chamber breakfasts and board meetings, Family Connection Community Collaborative Partner meetings, School meetings, such as PTO, Parent Boosters, Parent Involvement Workshops and BOE meetings. An article was placed in the PTO newsletter by the PTO President, Martiele Pickle, concerning the community improvement strategy plan of constructing a Pirate Playground! Barriers include, TV and radio, are 30 to 60 miles away. Only one local pr outlet available.	Pictures have been taken of the volunteers and contractors as work has been completed. We have documentation of process of the fence being put up, playground equipment being moved and relocated. The newsletter is available. A folder for the Co-Op Project is filed away to keep documents for final review. Miller County Collaborative advertises Co-Op progress in monthly meetings in community.	\$0.00 – Nothing at this time has been used toward work that has been completed thus far.	Take pictures of progress and get PR committee, which are Leadership Colquitt Alumni to write an article in the Miller County Liberal.
Utilize Leadership Colquitt Alumni to complete the different phases of the project.	Determine committees necessary to complete project as a community wide effort. They include: Budget and Finance, Design and Construction, Safety and Security, Volunteers, Site Prep, Material and Supplies, Landscaping, and Public Relations. The heat, without shade, and scattered showers in the afternoon & evening are the barriers for this strategy.	Two Leadership Colquitt Alumni (1 male & 1 female) were chosen from each year to determine a committee. They can then get their leadership class to assist with that committee project. The Design and Construction, Safety and Security, Volunteers, Site Prep, Material and Supplies, and Landscaping Committees have been out on site researching and planning.	\$0.00 – Nothing at this time has been used toward work that has been completed thus far.	The committees will continue working together with their class on the projects at hand and to try to get as much work done before schools get started again. The work will have to begin afterschool is over in the afternoons, because the Co-Op Team wants to invite the parents, teachers, and students to utilize the playground as is when school begins August 13.

